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17 October 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBIS

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GENERAL

1. Hong Kong Tests: After considerable planning and coordination, Messrs. [redacted] of West Coast Bureau left 50X1
for Hong Kong and Taiwan to sample and measure reception of South China regional transmitters. Test monitoring operations at the U. S. Consulate General in Hong Kong started 26 September. Results so far appear to exceed expectations. The Chief, FBIS, visited BBC Monitoring Service at Caversham to explain this project to Mr. John T. Campbell, Head, BBC/MS, on 9 - 10 October. FBIS continues to take the position that any permanent Hong Kong monitoring should be a BBC responsibility. [redacted] 50X1
2. Special Memorandum: Foreign radio and press reaction to the U. S. decision to sell Hawk missiles to Israel was reviewed in a Special Memorandum for the DD/I, with copies for DD/I and DD/P offices, the National Security Council, State and Defense Department offices, USIA, AEC, and the National Indications Center. [redacted] 50X1
3. World Reaction Report: Foreign radio and press treatment of the events in Mississippi was reviewed in response to a request from the National Security Council. In view of the general interest in this material, the roundup was issued as a World Reaction Series supplement to the Daily Report, with advance copies for the Attorney General and the NSC. [redacted] 50X1
4. Disarmament Conference Support: FBIS continued its service to the Agency representative on the U. S. disarmament delegation in Geneva, with field bureaus supplying texts of significant items. More than 140 propaganda-analysis support cables have been provided by the Radio Propaganda Branch since the conference opened in March 1962. [redacted] 50X1
5. Radio Propaganda Reports:
 - a. "Propaganda Indications of Deteriorating Sino-Soviet Relations" (CD.210)
 - b. "Radio Moscow Propaganda on Space Programming Following the Orbiting of Vostoks III and IV" (CD.211)
 - c. "Khrushchev's Treatise on Integration of the Bloc Economies: Answer to the Common Market, Challenge to the CPR" (CD.212)[redacted] 50X1

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6. Analysis Items on the FBIS Wire Service: RPB items on the FBIS Wire called attention to:

a. the first signs in Lao dissident propaganda of an open break between the Pathet Lao and Laotian Premier Souvanna Phouma, discernible in the reaction of the Pathet Lao radio and the Radio of the Laotian Kingdom to Western press reports that Souvanna had sought and received full special powers for a year;

b. an Albanian propaganda move to press Communist China into an open break with the Soviet Union; and

c. highlights of the CPSU Central Committee slogans for the October Revolution anniversary. [redacted]

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7. Cuban Coverage: Attention continues to be devoted by FBIS to produce as much significant information on Cuba as possible, and to disseminate it rapidly, for a wide variety of important consumers. Special coverage was laid on for Havana broadcasts concerning the release of prisoners and the widely publicized "Radio Free Dixie" programs beamed to Negroes in the United States. In order to meet continuing requests for copies of the RPB Special Memorandum on Fidel Castro's Promises and Admissions of Failure, 300 extra copies were reproduced by the photo offset process; of these, 200 are destined for use by State Department and USIS posts overseas. The first issue of the new RPB series of Radio Propaganda Reports on Cuba is scheduled for 26 October. The video tape recorder and ancillary equipment were delivered on 1 October and installed by the Key West Post Electronic Specialist. All tests were completed satisfactorily by an Ampex field engineer and the equipment was accepted on 9 October. The Post is now ready to receive requirements for recordings, which will be supplied to Graphics Register, OCR. [redacted]

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8. New Wire Service Recipients: Several requests have been received from military organizations for outlets to the FBIS Wire Service. With the recent addition of the Office of the Commander in Chief of the Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, and pending requests from Marine Corps Headquarters G-2 and the Headquarters of the Foreign Technology Division of the U. S. Air Force Systems Command at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio, the Wire Service will have 33 recipients, compared with the 23 recipients it had shortly after it began operating on 7 December 1941. [redacted]

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9. Review of Requirements: The Liaison and Requirements Staff is conducting its semi-annual review of continuing requirements, surveying all the special services collated in the 4 January 1962 memorandum (sent to all Division components concerned) and supplementary lists drawn up on a monthly basis since then. Several requirements have been canceled already as a result of letters sent to the original

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requestors who replied that they no longer need the material. Beginning in 1963, it is planned to place an automatic 90-day cut-off date on all requirements of a limited interest nature; this will mean that requesting offices must reiterate their need for specific items in writing every three months or the requirement will be canceled. Additions or deletions to the standing list of requirements distributed to all field bureaus will then be distributed on a quarterly basis.

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10. The following regulatory issuances were disseminated:

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<u>Notice No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
62-20	Release of Information to Public Information Media or Representative Thereof	4 Sept 1962
62-21	Renumbering of FBIS Regulation	18 Sept 1962

<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
10-9	Care and Use of Official Data	18 Sept 1962
45-5	Real Estate and Construction Accountability	18 Sept 1962

11. Daily Report: During the month 89 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to broadcast material and 11 percent to press scrutiny.

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12. New Daily Report Printing Process: FBIS and Printing Services Division are cooperating in a pilot project for conversion to offset printing of the Daily Report. For a one month period the Latin American Book will be produced by a tape offset process. Three tape producing typewriters will be rented, for the Production Section of the Editorial Branch for use in preparing tapes in lieu of stencils. These tapes will be used at the printing plant to prepare masters for offset printing. This will greatly improve the appearance of the Daily Report, and will save a large amount of paper and manpower at the plant. If the experiment is successful and funds can be allocated, the entire Daily Report reproduction will be converted to this process.

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13. Service Certificates: Sixty-seven FBIS employees were recently awarded certificates by the Director in recognition of fifteen years of service with the Agency, and twenty-one additional employees received ten year certificates. A ceremony was held at the new Headquarters building for this purpose.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. All Bureaus: The term "Warsaw Pact" is preferable to "Warsaw Treaty".
2. London and Mediterranean Bureaus:
 - a. The continued effective coordination and processing by the two bureaus of significant UAR and other Middle East materials is greatly appreciated by Headquarters.
 - b. Items concerning proceedings at inter-African conferences generally should not be filed as briefs.
 - c. Editors are requested to check North African, Ethiopian, and Somali names against TIU cards.
 - d. The handling of Middle East briefs in Headquarters would be greatly facilitated if they were filed in normal publication order -- that is, UAR, Iran, Jordan, Arabian Peninsula, Lebanon, Syria and Israel.
 - e. Dates mentioned in processed material may normally be rendered in dates according to the Gregorian calendar. In the case of an anniversary or similar event the date from a Mohammedan or Persian calendar should be given along with its Gregorian equivalent.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. African Bureau: The requirements for filtering the power line to the operations building to eliminate radio interference are being explored thoroughly.
2. East Coast Bureau: The installation of electric power wiring in the Mobile Monitoring Van has been completed.
3. Mediterranean Bureau: A full time tone-keyed teletype communications link was established between the FBIS Station at Karavas and the State Department Radio Station in Nicosia for routine and emergency use.
4. Coverage Change Reports: Coverage Change Reports should be wirefiled no later than the first and sixteenth of each month. When listing modifications it would be most helpful if Bureaus would clearly indicate the portion of the entry being modified.
5. Reporting frequencies: When political turmoil in any country causes

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broadcasting to become disorganized, bureaus should report the frequencies on which broadcasts are being received until it is felt that this information will no longer serve any useful purpose. Two recent examples of this procedure, which were helpful to BIS in answering queries, were the Panama Post's FYIs on the Argentine crisis and the Mediterranean Bureau's FYIs on the Yemeni situation.

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel:

1. New Employees

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Assignment

Editor, USSR & EE Section (Returned from STAT
Editorial Branch military service)

Editor, ME/AF/WE/LA Section
Editorial Branch

Editor, USSR & EE Section
Editorial Branch

2. Reassignments

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From

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Analyst RFB	Chief Saigon Bureau	STAT
Watch Officer West Coast Bureau	Assistant Engineer Headquarters	
Watch Officer Mediterranean Bureau	Tri-State College	
Secretary Administrative Staff	Clerk Okinawa Bureau	
Senior Editor West Coast Bureau	Analyst, Bloc Foreign Affairs Section, RFB	
Editor Okinawa Bureau	Senior Editor West Coast Bureau	
Watch Officer West Coast Bureau	Watch Officer Mediterranean Bureau	

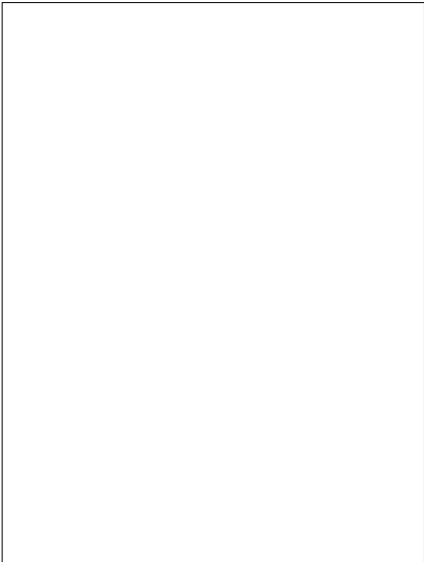
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Reassignments (continued)



<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
Deputy Chief, Field Operations Staff	Chief African Bureau	STAT
Editor East Coast Bureau	Editor London Bureau	
Operations Officer Okinawa Bureau	Deputy Chief, Field Operations Staff	
Editor Editorial Branch	Editor East Coast Bureau	
Chief African Bureau	Chief Austrian Bureau	
Chief Panama Post	Assistant Chief Engineer West Coast Bureau	

3. Resignation



<u>Assignment</u>	
Analyst RFB	STAT SIAI
	

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